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SUBJECT: FY 1975 FMS CREDIT FOR BOLIVIA
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1. FOLLOWING RESPONDS TO REFTEL'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON STATUS OF FY 75 FMS CREDIT AVAILABILITY.

2. CURRENT PLANNING FIGURE FOR TOTAL FY 75 BOLIVIA FMS CREDIT IS $4 MILLION IN USG GUARANTEED CREDIT. THIS PLANNING FIGURE SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH GOB. WE BELIEVE THIS LEVEL WILL BE CONFIRMED AFTER APPROPRIATION BILL IS PASSED. AT PRESENT, WE THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT BOLIVIA CAN BE PROVIDED WITH MORE THAN $4 MILLION IN FY 1975 DUE TO PROBABLE SCARCITY OF CREDIT AND COMPETING NEEDS IN OTHER REGIONS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE RESPONSE.

3. REGARDING RECENT BOLIVIAN REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN FY 75 FMS CREDIT TO TOTAL OF $12 MILLION, DEPARTMENT WILL SHORTLY PASS DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO BOLIVIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON WITH FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONFIDENTIAL

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ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF THE NOTE OF FEBRUARY 10, 1975, FROM

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THE EMBASSY OF BOLIVIA WHICH SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975 FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CREDITS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS AS YET UNABLE TO PROVIDE A DEFINITIVE RESPONSE TO THE EMBASSY'S

REQUEST BECAUSE THE LEGISLATION EXPECTED TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM HAS NOT YET BEEN ENACTED, AND THE TOTAL WORLDWIDE FUNDING LEVEL IS, THEREFORE, UNKNOWN. THE EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE APPROPRIATION HAS BEEN PASSED BY THE CONGRESS AND THE ALLOCATION TO INDIVIDUAL FISCAL YEAR 1975 FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CREDIT RECIPIENTS HAS BEEN MADE. THE EMBASSY MAY BE ASSURED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL GIVE FULL AND SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO THE EMBASSY'S REQUEST IN THIS CONNECTION. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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